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TITLE OF INVENTION

**MOTOR-VEHICLE KEY FOR REMOTE-CONTROLLED MOTOR-VEHICLE LOCKING SYSTEM**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel all the claims in the case without prejudice.

Add the following new claims:

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1       --           8. In combination:

2               a housing comprised of a cover, a first base part fixed  
3       to the cover, and a second base part separable from the first base  
4       part and cover, the housing forming an ignition-key stump adapted  
5       to fit in an ignition of a motor vehicle;

6               a keypad on the cover;

7               remote-control circuitry inside the housing connected to  
8       the keypad and capable of operating a motor-vehicle locking system  
9       and a motor-vehicle ignition system;

10              an emergency key having a bitted blade fixed to the  
11       second base part, the first base part being formed with a seat in  
12       which the blade can fit with the second base part fitted closely  
13       against the cover, the second base part fitting snugly with the  
14       cover and first base part, and the blade wholly contained in the  
15       housing.

1               9. The combination defined in claim 8 wherein the  
2       housing is provided with means for releasably retaining the blade  
3       in the seat.

1               10. The combination defined in claim 8 wherein the seat  
2       is open longitudinally and the blade is longitudinally slidable  
3       into the seat.

1               11. The combination defined in claim 10 wherein the base  
2       parts meet at a joint extending transversely of the blade.

1           12. The combination defined in claim 8, further compris-  
2    ing  
3           means permanently bonding the cover to the first base  
4    part.

1           13. The combination defined in claim 8 wherein the cover  
2 forms a battery holder, the combination further comprising:  
3           a battery engaged between the key blade and the seat and  
4 held in the battery holder by the key blade.

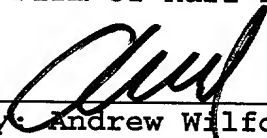
14. The combination defined in claim 13 wherein only when the key blade is pulled out of the seat and the second base part is separated from the housing are the battery and the battery holder exposed.

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

The translated claims have been replaced with a set of US-style claims to ease prosecution.

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I have read a copy of the German-language document attached hereto, namely PCT application PCT/EP00/08578 published 22 March 2001 as WO 01/20110; and

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MOTOR-VEHICLE KEY FOR REMOTE-CONTROLLED  
MOTOR-VEHICLE LOCKING SYSTEM

Description

5 The invention relates to a motor-vehicle key for a  
remote-controlled motor-vehicle locking system. Such a motor-  
vehicle key is also called an electronic key. A remote-controlled  
locking system can be a locking system equipped with a mechanically  
actuatable remote controller as well as a locking system provided  
with a coil in a so-called "check card" or transponder, for example  
where the locking action is set in operation by actuation of a door  
handle.

10 Since the introduction of remotely operable motor-vehicle  
locking systems the use of the standard mechanical key has been  
limited as a rule to the occasional circumstances when the remote-  
control system, for example, does not work because of insufficient  
power or other reasons. Only under these conditions must one use a  
mechanical key that actually serves as an emergency key and  
generally is constructed of materials, e.g. plastic, that are not  
suitable for the long service life of a standard motor-vehicle key.  
15 In addition it has been noted that after years of using a  
mechanically actuated locking system the user has a tendency to  
want to do the unlocking by means of a key held in the hand.

20 In particular a key holder with a swing-out emergency key  
is known. the emergency key is held in a side pocket of the key

holder and is thus relatively easy to access and even see from outside (see German 3,902,537).

Furthermore an electronic remote-control key is known where the key housing has the external shape of a car and the emergency key has a blade inserted into the front or rear of the car-shaped housing. In this case the emergency key in the key housing forms a push rod. The push rod in turn forms the key head or the key grip and projects from the car-shaped housing in order to be directly accessible in case of need and so that it can be pulled out (see German 297 22 484). As a result it is not out of the question that the user out of habit pulls out the thus mounted emergency key to open the car. In addition the projecting key can be a hindrance.

Finally an electronic key is known for use with locking systems in motor vehicles that has a housing on which an additional key blade is provided as emergency key for a mechanical lock. The emergency key is formed as a separate key from the key. The housing has a socket in which the blade of the emergency key fits. With this known embodiment the housing has a grip part for the user and a jack part formed on it while the emergency key has like a standard key a blade and a grip part which projects from the housing. Finally the emergency key does not fit fully into the actual key housing. This is unsatisfactory (see German 4,444,913).

It is an object of the invention to provide a motor-vehicle key for remote-control motor-vehicle locking systems where

the emergency key is readily accessible in case of emergency but where it is used just out of habit is impeded. In addition the emergency key intended only for emergency use is to be protected against damage.

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In order to attain this object the invention is a motor-vehicle key for a remote-control motor-vehicle latching system having a key housing holding a remote-control circuit and a mechanical emergency key and wherein

the key housing has a cover with a keypad and a split  
base formed by two base parts

the emergency key has a key head connected with the base  
part forming a key grip, and

the other base part has a seat for the key blade

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The features of the invention have the effect that the emergency key is wholly contained in the key housing and thus is integrated in the key housing formed as a transmitter housing. In this manner the emergency key is not visible or noticeable from outside so that the vehicle or key user is not going to be inclined to use the emergency key to open the vehicle and in fact such usage is made difficult. Thus the emergency key, if it is for example made of plastic, is not damaged by unnecessary use. In fact the key housing gives no clue to the presence of an emergency key inside the housing which has a standard external design. Mounting the emergency key in the key housing allows the housing to be made

as small as possible in that the base part also forms the key head while the other base part forms a seat for the key blade.

Further features are describe in the following. Thus the key blade is releasably retained in the base part. According to a further embodiment of the invention it is also possible for the key blade to be longitudinally slidable in the key-grip forming base part and when fully inserted is operational and releasably retained in the base part. Such a slide interfit of the emergency key allows a further reduction of the length of the key housing and minimizing of its outside dimensions. The invention further proposes that the base be transversely split and the two base parts be snap-fitted together. Preferably the cover and the base are connected together by ultrasonic welding or adhesive bonding. Thus the base part forming the key grip, when the battery needs to be changed, can simply be pulled out of the base part 3 holding the key blade. In addition the cover and the base have an ignition-key stump for starting the car so that when the stump of the key is turned in the ignition the transponder in the housing is read (travel lock). Finally according to the invention the emergency key is mounted underneath the remote-control circuit in the base and the key head presses a battery into electrical contact against a circuit plate of the remote-control circuit when the emergency key is fitted into the key housing. The remote-control circuit has on the circuit plate the standard transmitter and receiver and a controller and integrated transponder for a drive lock, or

alternatively is provided with a coil or a transponder for the locking system.

In the following, the invention will be more closely described with reference to a drawing showing a single embodiment.

5 Therein:

FIG. 1 is a motor-vehicle key according to the invention in a schematic view;

FIG. 2 is a section along line A--A of FIG. 1; and

FIG. 3 is an exploded view of the structure of FIG. 1.

10 The Figures show a motor-vehicle key for a remote-control motor-vehicle locking system. This motor-vehicle key 1 has a key or transmitter housing 2, 3 in which a schematically illustrated remote-control circuit 4 and a mechanical emergency key 5 are held. The key housing has a cover 2 with a keypad 6 and a split base 3  
15 formed by two base parts 3a and 3b. The emergency key 5 has a key end 7 seated in the base part 3a forming a key head while the other base part 3b has a seat 8 for a blade 9 of the key. The key blade 9 is retained in the base part 3b releasably by a catch. The base 3 is subdivided transversely. The two base parts 3a and 3b thus  
20 formed are snapped together according to this embodiment so the emergency key 5 can be taken out. The cover part 2 and the base holding the key blade 9 are bonded together by ultrasonic welding or an adhesive. The cover 2 and the base 3 and thus the key housing have also an ignition key stump 10.

The emergency key 5 is mounted underneath the remote-control circuitry 4 in the base 3. The key head 7 holds a battery 11 in contact against an circuit plate 12 of the remote-control circuit 4.

- 5           The key housing and thus the cover 2 and base 3 are made according to this embodiment of plastic as is the emergency key 5 whose blade 9 can however be made of metal.

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## Patent Claims

1. A motor-vehicle key (1) for a remote-control motor-vehicle locking system having a key housing (2 and 3) holding a remote-control circuit (4) and a mechanical emergency key (5) and  
5 wherein

the key housing has a cover (2) with a keypad (6) and a split base (3) formed by two base parts (3a and 3b)

the emergency key (5) has a key head (7) connected with the base part (3a) forming a key grip, and the other base part (3b) has a seat (8) for the key blade (9).

2. The motor-vehicle key according to claim 1, characterized in that the key blade (9) is releasably retained in the base part (3a).

3. The motor-vehicle key according to claim 1, characterized in that the key blade (9) is longitudinally slidable in the key-grip forming base part (3a) and when fully inserted is operational and releasably retained in the base part.

4. The motor-vehicle key according to one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the base (3) is transversely split and the two base parts (3a and 3b) are snap-fitted together.

5. The motor-vehicle key according to one of claim 1 to 4, characterized in that the cover (2) and the base (3) are connected together by ultrasonic welding or adhesive bonding.

6. The motor-vehicle key according to one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the cover (2) and the base (3) have an ignition-key stump (10).

7. The motor-vehicle key according to one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the emergency key (5) is mounted underneath the remote-control circuit (4) in the base (3) and the key head (7) presses a battery (11) into electrical contact against a circuit plate (12) of the remote-control circuit (4).



## Amended Claims

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original claims 1-7 replace by new claims 1-6 (2 pages)

1. A motor-vehicle key (1) for a remote-control motor-  
vehicle locking system having a key housing (2 and 3) holding a  
remote-control circuit (4) and a mechanical emergency key (5) and  
wherein

the key housing has a cover (2) with a keypad (6) and a  
split base (3) formed by two base parts (3a and  
3b)

the cover (2) and the base (3) are provided with an  
ignition-key stump (10),

the emergency key (5) has a key head (7) connected with  
the base part (3a) forming a key grip, and  
the other base part (3b) has a seat (8) for the key blade  
(9).

2. The motor-vehicle key according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the key blade (9) is releasably retained in  
the base part (3a).

3. The motor-vehicle key according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the key blade (9) is longitudinally slidable  
in the key-grip forming base part (3a) and when fully inserted is  
operational and releasably retained in the base part.

4. The motor-vehicle key according to one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the base (3) is transversely split and the two base parts (3a and 3b) are snap-fitted together.

5. The motor-vehicle key according to one of claim 1 to 4, characterized in that the cover (2) and the base (3) are connected together by ultrasonic welding or adhesive bonding.

6. The motor-vehicle key according to one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the emergency key (5) is mounted underneath the remote-control circuit (4) in the base (3) and the key head (7) presses a battery (11) into electrical contact against a circuit plate (12) of the remote-control circuit (4).

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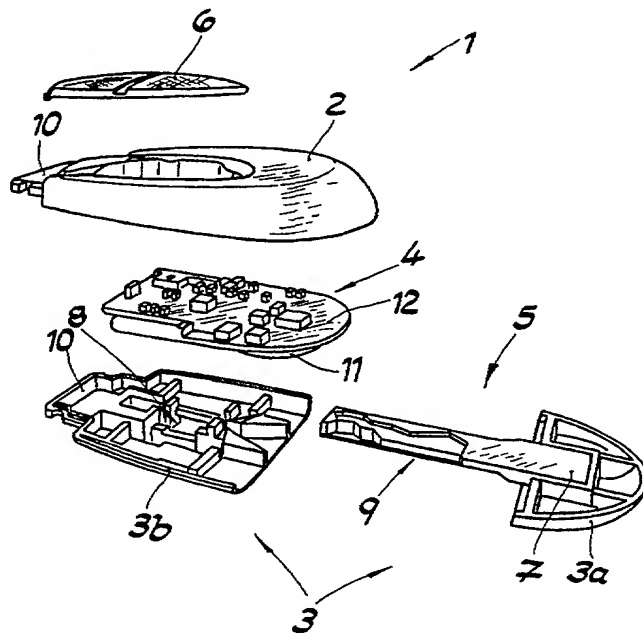
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**(57) Abstract:** The invention relates to a motor-vehicle key, comprising a key housing (2, 3), in which an emergency key (5) is stored. The key housing (2, 3) has a cover shell (2) and a divided base shell (3) which is configured as two base-shell sections (3a, 3b). The emergency key (5) is fixed to one of the base-shell sections (3a) by its key head (7), whilst the other base-shell section (3b) has a shaft recess (8) for the key shaft (9).

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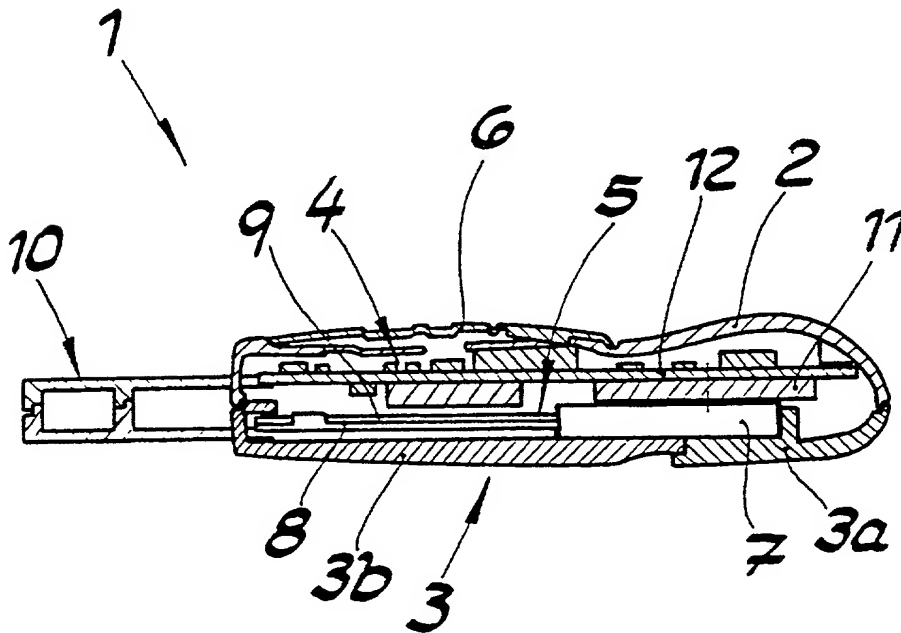
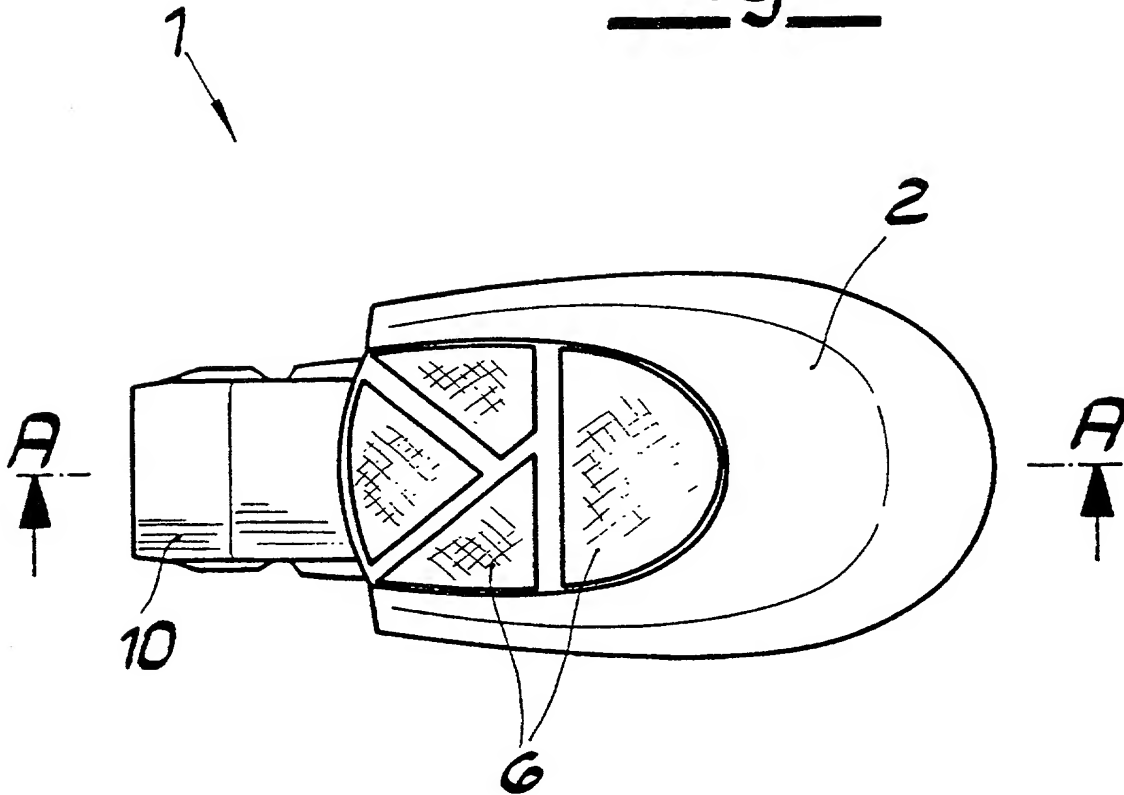
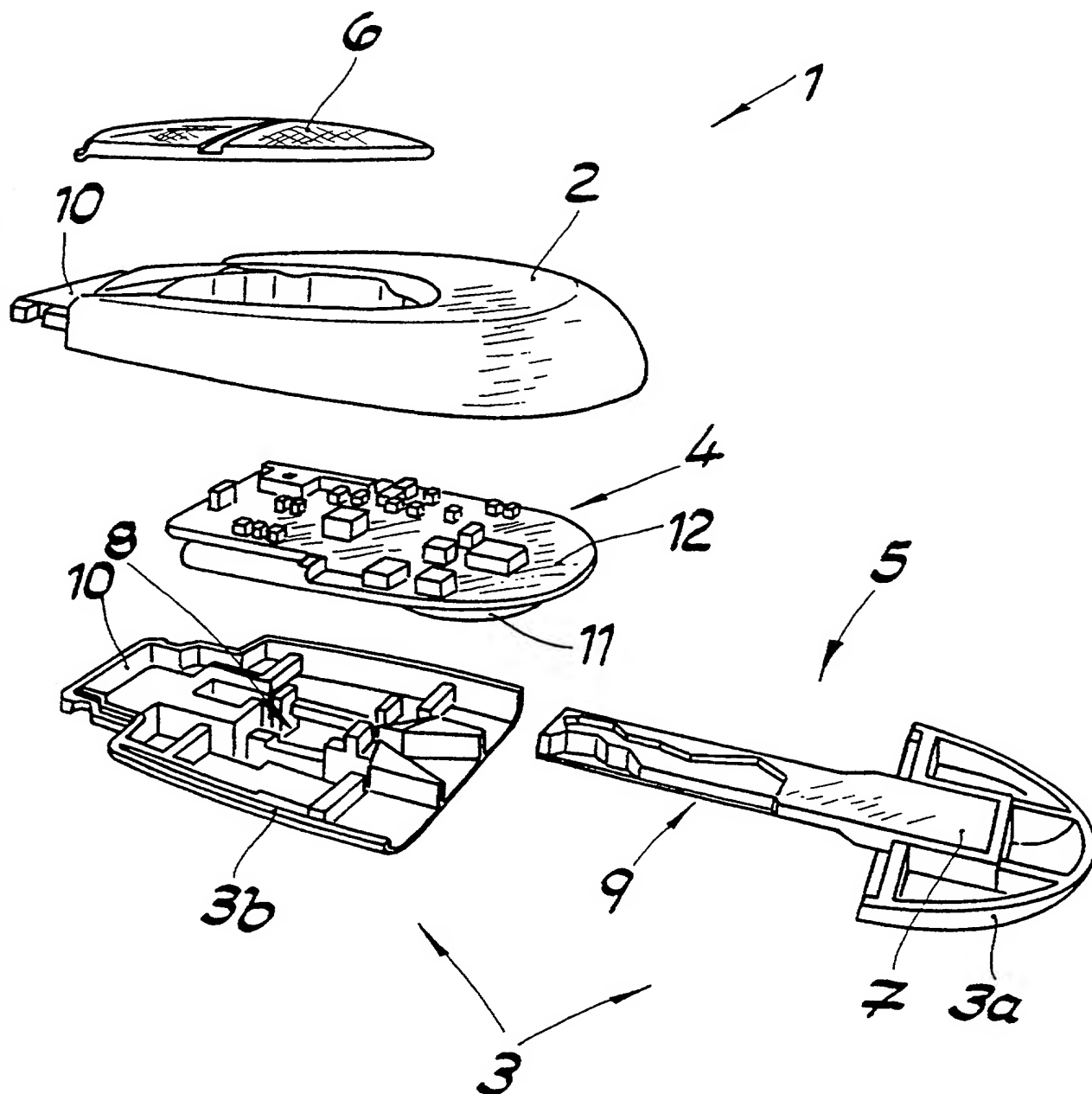
Fig. 1Fig. 2

Fig.3



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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post-office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,  
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the specification of which was filed on **2 September 2000** as PCT application **PCT/EP00/08598**.

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DE	19943498.0	10 September 1999	Yes

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